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IEEE Publishes 802.3by[™] 25 Gb/s Ethernet Standard for Server Interconnectivity

Standard amendment defines Ethernet Media Access Control (MAC) parameters, physical layer specifications, and management parameters to transfer Ethernet format frames at 25 Gb/s for server to switch interconnections.

PISCATAWAY, NEW JERSEY, USA, XX August 2016 – IEEE, the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for humanity, and the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA), today announced the publishing and availability of IEEE 802.3by™ Standard for Media Access Control Parameters, Physical Layers and Management Parameters for 25 Gb/s Operation. The new amendment to IEEE Standard 802.3™ represents the first available industry standard developed specifically to address the growing need for increased Ethernet speeds for server interconnects exceeding 10 Gb/s, and one that offers cost-saving advantages over current higher speed Ethernet offerings.

"We have been fortunate to pool the resources of many individuals who've demonstrated considerable dedication and commitment to work collaboratively to advance a much sought after standard for 25 Gb/s Ethernet," said Mark Nowell, chair, IEEE P802.3by 25 Gb/s Ethernet Task Force. "The work of the IEEE P802.3by 25 Gb/s Ethernet Task Force epitomizes how standards development is a key factor in ensuring best practices, and how best to meet the rapid demands of industry as technological advancements are pursued in the respective areas where Ethernet continues to play a growing role."

IEEE 802.3by supports efficient Ethernet operation and defines single-lane 25 Gb/s PHYs for operation over electrical backplanes, copper twin axial cables with lengths up to 3-5 meters and multimode fiber with lengths up to 100m.

IEEE 802.3by is available for purchase at the IEEE Standards Store.

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